

UNION STATION FOR WINNIPEG

Tenders Called for Erection This Year. Construction of G.T.P. Progressing Rapidly.

Winnipeg, Mar. 18.—"Tenders have already been invited for the new union station here," was the statement made by Frank W. Morse, general manager of the G. T. P., this morning. "The plans are now completed and last Monday we sent out invitations for tenders for the building. The work will start upon it as soon as the spring opens and we hope to have the roof on by fall. It will be one of which we all may feel proud. Monumental is the word, I think, which best describes it. It will be

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nia who ran away from home on Sunday night last with Mabel Gay, a sixteen year old girl, whose parents also reside in Medicine Hat. Though no trace can be found of their having purchased tickets at Medicine Hat, the distraught father of the Dignon girl believes they managed to get to Calgary and are still in the city. The police have made a thorough search of them, having been supplied with a full description and photographs of the Dignon girl, but they cannot be located. No reason can be given for the girls leaving their homes, and

SUPPRESSION OF SOCIALISTS.

Police of Berlin Take Active Steps to Prevent Disturbances.

Berlin, Mar. 12.—The police and military authorities are holding themselves in readiness to take vigorous action, for the suppression of the street demonstrations which it is expected the socialists will renew tomorrow in furtherance of their campaign for the reform of the Prussian electoral system. There are fears of a recurrence of the street scenes socialists made this week commemorating the

The presence of a large body of unemployed and the threat of a great uprising, together with the danger of a general strike, give emphasis to the danger.

The socialists today are urging members of their party to assemble great mass meetings in various parts of the country. The elements of political discontent are being concentrated and mounted and fully armed and equipped troops are being stationed within ready call of the ghettohood of the astenallages and the public are warned to keep away from the centres where disturbances are liable to break out. The situation is extremely serious, and is likely to prove even more serious than those of January

Emperor Confirms Sentence.
St. Petersburg, Mar. 15.—The emperor yesterday confirmed the death sentence passed upon Lieut. Gen. Stoessel and also the court's recommendations of the commutation of the sentence to years' imprisonment in a fortress. The former commander of Port Arthur informally petitioned for a full pardon.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.
Winnipeg, March 18.—Steady. Dull ton has been the experience of the cat markets today. Liverpool steady and closed $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ higher. American markets opened firm and yesterday's closing prices and and today's opening prices were steady closed $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher than yesterday. There was nothing in the news or market information to cause any particular change to-day. Winnipeg market was dull and closed $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ over yesterday.
To-day's Winnipeg market:
 No. 1 Northern, 1.10; No. 2 Northern, 1.04; No. 3 Northern, 1.02; No. 4, 94c; 5, 81c; No. 6, 71c; No. 1 closed, No. 2 feed, 46c. Futures closed—April, 1.04; May, 1.12; July, 1.14; and August, 1.16. No. 1 white and rejected, Baiter no wanted; thirteen, 1.05.

STRATHCONA NEWS

GOVERNMENT TO INSTALL
STROUVER IN STRATHCONA

Contract Practically Closed With
Local Authorities for a System
Similar to the One Being Put in
the City of Edmonton.

The Strathcona city council have definitely decided to have the local government install the new telephone system. They have also decided to have the Strover system installed in the city of Strathcona. The new system is being put on in Edmonton and that intercommunication will be carried on as if the two cities were one. According to present arrangements a person in Strathcona will be able to call an Edmonton subscriber without the aid of a manual central and an Edmonton person will be able to reach Strathcona in the same way. The closing of the agreement with the local government was practically reached last night.

At a previous meeting a committee was appointed, composed of Ald. H. Sheppard, Richardson and the mayor to negotiate with the government. As a result an offer embodied in the following letter from John Strover, deputy minister of public works, was received.

The Government's Offer.
Sir, Referring to your letter asking regarding government installing and operating a telephone system in the city of Strathcona, I am instructed to advise you as follows, by giving the question and answer in the following order:

(1)—"We wish an automatic system if possible."

(A)—The government will install an automatic system if the city desire it.

(2)—"We wish Strathcona to be the site of central or long distance system."

(A)—In the event of an automatic system being installed similar to Edmonton, the government will handle long distance business in exchange in conjunction with both cities.

(3)—"We wish our system direct and as close a connection with Edmonton as any other system if part of the system includes free service."

(A)—Do not quite understand this question. Strathcona will have free direct connection with Edmonton, also direct connection with long distance lines, paying regular charges on such long distance calls.

(4)—"Strathcona rate, business \$30, residence \$20. When same person has business phone and additional phone in residence, second phone to cost \$15 per annum."

(A)—The government will agree with above rates, adjustments to be made from time to time, when it is proved by experience what the actual cost of operating this system is. In view of the fact that it is proposed to give Strathcona a direct connection with Edmonton, the expense will be greater in both connection and operation.

(5)—"We wish connection with long distance service for both business and home phones."

(A)—All phones will have connection with long distance service.

(6)—"Improvements of service which required and keep same up to date."

(A)—Government system will always be kept up to date.

(7)—"To be installed by July 1st, 1926."

(A)—Could not promise to have it completed by that date but will have it installed in the shortest possible time consistent with time needed to get certain material on the ground and work done.

(8)—"Wires to be placed underground when deemed necessary by the Strathcona council."

(A)—Poles and wires to be placed in places as far as practicable, this to be decided by government and city engineers.

(9)—"Government will agree to comply with all reasonable requests made by the city council in regard to matters mentioned in questions 2 and 3."

(A)—"A maximum rate for long distance and rural lines."

(A)—This question is answered in reply to question 3.

(10)—"All applications for phones in the city to be accepted."

(A)—The government will agree to put in phones at regular rates for all subscribers who are within a reasonable distance from the city.

(11)—"A common telephone directory of subscribers in Strathcona and Edmonton."

(A)—The government will provide such a directory.

As it would seem an automatic phone is desired by the city of Strathcona we would appreciate a definite decision on the part of the council at the earliest possible date so that in event of our proposals being acceptable immediate steps may be taken to procure the automatic apparatus and have it installed on or about the same time as the Edmonton system is being installed.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN STROVER,
Deputy Minister.

The Offer Discussed.

The question was discussed in committee with Ald. Tipton in the chair. Ald. Sheppard reported that the telephone committee met the government and went into the telephone matter as completely as they could. They also met Mr. Wiley, manager of the Strover, who gave them some pointers in connection with the system. The new letter was what had been arranged with the government. He explained that the committee had asked for "phones within the entire city wherever asked for but to that the government would not altogether agree. The question of party lines was not mentioned in the letter from Mr. Strover, but it too had been considered and would be given by the government.

Ald. Sheppard advocated having the Strover system installed as it was being installed by Edmonton after long investigation.

It was pointed out that unless a manual system was installed, Strathcona would not get the long distance central.

Ald. Richards thought that if a manual system was installed what would be lost in direct connection would be more than compensated for

by having the long distance central established in that city.

Ald. Tipton was in favor of an automatic system and nothing else. He was not in favor of any system that would preclude calling for connection through a central.

After further discussion Ald. Richards stated that the committee had the lines of the communications outlined. The motion was seconded by Ald. Richards and unanimously adopted.

The former committee, composed of Mayo Mills, Ald. Sheppard, Huch and Richards, were appointed to explain to the Edmonton authorities the action taken by the Strathcona council and also to complete arrangements by the government.

ROUTINE BUSINESS AT
STRATHCONA COUNCIL

A Large Number of Minor Questions
Disposed of at the Meeting Last
Night—Ald. Tipton Moves Inquiry With Reference to Recent Legislation.

The only question of great importance at the Strathcona city council last night was the discussion of the telephone franchise. Mayor Mills was in the chair and a full board was present.

The Communications.

Dr. S. Archibald, medical health officer, made reference to a woman named Reynolds, who came here some time ago, with child, N.D., with two children. He recommended that she be deported and that arrangements be made with the immigration authorities to this effect. The immigration authorities were given power to act.

P. W. Thorpe, Calgary, wrote for information re the city debtors' list.

He stated that he had an order from a London firm for all the Albert debtors' list offered for sale this year. The secretary treasury was instructed to reply.

Letters were received from R. Sheppard, secretary of the Strathcona branch of the A. F. of L. and from E. J. Baines, secretary of the board of trade, with reference to the joint fair in Edmonton this summer and the joint exhibit at Calgary. The letters were tabled till next meeting.

P. Burns & Co. asked for seven representatives for their statute in the south end of the city. The request was tabled until next meeting.

Map Prices Reduced.

The new city maps have been selling

at the rate of 75 cents apiece. Ald. Sheppard stated that the high price was a hardship to real estate men and others who were sending out many maps to advertise the city. He moved a resolution and the price to be 50 cents each, from 5 to 10, should be charged on exchange there.

Plans for Hospital.
Mr. D. Mills, mayor, wrote with reference to the hospital. The committee in the schools and hotels and power to the city being. The fire chief and the city engineer were asked to bring in a report at next meeting.

Mayor's Report.
Mr. James, of the former firm of Macdonald, Hopkins & James, and now of Hopkins & James, stated that the former firm had the plans for the proposed hospital. He asked the council to enter this into the minutes.

Ald. Sheppard stated that he was talking to Mr. Macdonald several days ago and he, too, was looking to the job of overseeing the building of the new hospital.

It was ultimately agreed that both parties write to the council, stating their position in the case.

The Accounts.

Accounts submitted for the week were as follows:

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| E. Conley | \$30.95 |
| J. D. Hutton | 3.40 |
| Edmonton Milling Co. | 32.80 |
| Great West Sundry Co. | 2.25 |
| Strathcona Cartage Co. | 7.00 |
| Gray Brothers | 45 |
| Bain & Co. | 29.80 |
| Gray Brothers | 37.75 |
| G. McPherson | 16.80 |
| G. O. Baillie | 16.80 |
| Clunier & Co. | 2.00 |
| Glenn Bakery | 36.96 |
| G. Murray | 3.15 |
| Clark & Orr | 11.80 |
| Strathcona Cartage Co. | 8.50 |
| Home Hardware | 11.80 |
| Total | \$275.55 |

Reports of committee received were that of the special committee to meet the local government with reference to the telephone question.

Their report and the subsequent decision of the council appears in another part of this column.

The marks by-law and the permanent improvement by-law were read a third time and finally passed.

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Notice

Because of the prevailing public sentiment that farmers having choice seed grain, should receive premiums for same, I instituted a premium system, as has been previously announced through the press and by circular. The result has been that great quantities of grain have been drawn forth from country shippers. At the rate it is forthcoming all government seed grain requirements will be fulfilled within a few days, and in view of this I hereby announce that all offers for grain for government seed purposes will be withdrawn on March 18th, and after that date I will not be in the market for any grain whatever, that is, cars inspected before that date, or previous thereto, will be considered by me for seed purposes, and all cars inspected after that date will not be considered for seed purposes.

Chas. C. Castle
Purchasing Agent
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